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SUBJECT: THIRD MINISTERIAL MEETING FOR PROTECTION OF
THE RHINE FROM POLLUTION.

1. SUMMARY: THE UPCOMING "THIRD MINISTERIAL MEETING
FOR PROTECTION OF THE RHINE FROM POLLUTION" TO BE HELD
IN PARIS IN EARLY DECEMBER IS EXPECTED TO ADOPT DRAFT
TREATIES FOR CONTROL OF SALT AND CHEMICAL POLLUTION
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OF THE RHINE.

2. AT THE INITIATIVE OF THE NETHERLANDS, THE FIRST MINISTERIAL MEETING FOR PROTECTION OF THE RHINE FROM POLLUTION WAS HELD IN THE HAGUE N OCTOBER, 1972, AND WAS ATTENDED BY REPRESENTATIVES OF THE FRG, THE NETHERLANDS, LUXEMBOURG, FRANCE AND SWITZERLAND, AS WELL AS REPRESENTATIVES OF THE EC COMMISSION AND THE INTERNATIONAL COMMISSION ON PROTECTION OF THE RHINE FROM POLLUTION (THE MEMBERSHIP OF WHICH IS DRAWN FROM THE AFOREMENTIONED NATIONS). THE SECOND MINISTERIAL MEETING WAS HELD IN BONN N DECEMBER, 1973. AT THIS MEETING, A REPRESENTATIVE OF BELGIUM (WHICH IS NOT A MEMBER OF THE RHINE COMMISSION) WAS INCLUDED IN THE LIST OF PREVIOUS PARTICIPANTS.

3. EMBASSY OFFICER CALLED ON THE FRG INTERIOR MINISTRY OFFICIAL RESPONSIBLE FOR WATER POLLUTION MATTERS TO EXPLORE THE STATUS OF PREPARATION FOR THE "THIRD MINISTERIAL MEETING FOR PROTECTION OF THE RHINE FROM POLLUTION" WHICH IS TO BE HELD IN PARIS IN DECEMBER, AND THE PROSPECTS FOR NEW INITIATIVES AND AGREEMENTS. THE INTERNATIONAL RHINE COMMISSION IS PRESENTLY PREPARING A REPORT WHICH WILL BE PRESENTED TO THE THIRD MINISTERIAL CONFERENCE CONCERNING PROGRESS IN FIGHTING THE POLLUTION OF THE RIVER SINCE THE LAST MEETING, AS WELL AS TWO DRAFT TREATIES, ONE ON SALT POLLUTION AND THE OTHER ON CHEMICAL POLLUTION, WHICH WERE REQUESTED AT THE LAST MINISTERIAL MEETING. IN ADDITION, THE COMMISSION IS PREPARING A MATHEMATICAL MODEL OF THE THERMAL POLLUTION PROBLEM IN THE RHINE. THIS MODEL IS EXPECTED TO BE COMPLETED BY THE UPCOMING MINISTERIAL CONFERENCE AND IS TO BE USED ULTIMATELY IN DRAFTING A TREATY ON THERMAL POLLUTION.

4. EMBOFF ASKED WHY THESE NEW TREATIES WOULD BE REQUIRED IN VIEW OF THE DRAFT EUROPEAN CONVENTION FOR THE PROTECTION OF INTERNATIONAL WATER COURSES

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AGAINST POLLUTION, PREPARED BY THE COUNCIL OF EUROPE.
INTMIN SOURCE ACKNOWLEDGED THAT THIS DRAFT CONVENTION
IS PRESENTLY BEING REVIEWED BY THE MINISTERIAL
COMMITTEE OF THE COUNCIL OF EUROPE AT DEPUTY MINISTER
LEVEL AND SHOULD BE READY FOR SIGNATURE BY MAY, 1975.
THE INTMIN OFFICIAL CONTINUED THAT THE PROPOSED
COUNCIL OF EUROPE CONVENTION IS NOT SPECIFIC ENOUGH
TO HANDLE CONCRETE PROBLEMS OF CONTROLLING CHEMICAL,
SALT, AND THERMAL POLLUTION OF THE RHINE. FOR INSTANCE,
HE INDICATED THAT THE DRAFT COUNCIL OF EUROPE
CONVENTION CALLS FOR CONTROL OF CHEMICAL AND SALT
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POLLUTION IN A "REASONABLE" TIME, WHEREAS THE RHINE
COMMISSION CONVENTION NOW BEING DRAFTED WILL REQUIRE
CONTROL WITHIN FIVE YEARS. FURTHERMORE, THE FOLLOWING
MUST BE ACHIEVED: A MAXIMUM ALLOWABLE TEMPERATURE
MUST BE ESTABLISHED FOR WATER WHICH IS TO BE
RECIRCULATED BACK TO THE RHINE AFTER HAVING BEEN
TAKEN FROM THE RIVER FOR USE IN PLANT COOLING SYSTEMS
AND A MAXIMUM MUST BE SET ON THE AMOUNT OF HEAT THAT
EACH OF THE RIPARIAN STATES CAN INTRODUCE INTO THE
RIVER. (THIS THERMAL AREA HAS BEEN ESPECIALLY

TROUBLESOME BECAUSE OF THE FRENCH DECISION TO
CONSTRUCT NUCLEAR POWER FACILITIES AT FESSENHEIM
WITHOUT INCORPORATING PROVISIONS FOR THE COOLNG OF
HEATED RIVER WATER BEFORE IT IS RECIRCULATED BACK
INTO THE RHINE.)
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